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Title: "Hydration of Guar Gum Powder"

Serial No.: 09/501,559

Our Reference: ECO530/4-2

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Enclosed for filing in the Patent and Trademark Office is the *Notice of Appeal, Petition* for One Month Extension of Time and Fee Transmittal form pertaining to the above referenced patent application.

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